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RE: Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Property Tax Program

Greetings

The Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Property Tax Program helps to reduce your property tax. The qualifying criteria for the program is based upon your age and/or disability, residency and income.

In 2015, the Governor signed a bill (SSB 5186) into law that changed the income threshold for this program. **The new levels of exemption** are:

LEVEL	INCOME LEVEL	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
A	\$0 TO \$30,000	Exempt from excess levies (ie: local school levies) plus a reduction of assessed value of 60% or \$60,000, whichever is greater.
B	\$30,001 TO \$35,000	Exempt from excess levies, plus a reduction of assessed value of 35% or \$50,000, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$70,000.
C	\$35,001 TO \$40,000	Exempt from excess levies.

Previous levels were:

LEVEL	INCOME LEVEL	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
A	\$0 TO \$25,000	Exempt from excess levies (ie: local school levies) plus a reduction of assessed value of 60% or \$60,000, whichever is greater.
B	\$25,001 TO \$30,000	Exempt from excess levies, plus a reduction of assessed value of 35% or \$50,000, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$70,000.
C	\$30,001 TO \$35,000	Exempt from excess levies.

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The change in the income thresholds is not retroactive.

If you are already in the program at level C, your 2016 level of exemption has automatically been upgraded to level B for the 2016 tax year based on your previously submitted application with your income information. If you are already in the program at level B, your 2016 level of exemption has automatically been upgraded to level A for the 2016 tax year.

If you are already in the program, you do not need to do anything else unless your 2015 income was outside the levels shown, or you no longer qualify. If this is the case, please contact our Exemption Department at 425-388-3540 to receive an application to update your income information. You can also visit our website for the current year application at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/assessor>

The new 2015 income threshold for the Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Deferral program has been increased to \$45,000. There are not different levels to the Deferral Program. If approved, the deferral program is a request for a loan from the State of Washington to pay your taxes. This program does create a lien on your property and the money paid must be paid back.

Respectfully,

Snohomish County Assessor's Office
Exemption Division
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For a Detailed Explanation of the Programs Please Consult the State Brochures Listed Below

Exemption - <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/documentcenter/view/1387>

Deferral - <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/documentcenter/view/1385>